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SUBJECT: INDIAN MEDIA COVERAGE -- SAXBE INTERVIEW

BEGIN SUMMARY: AMBASSADOR SAXBE'S WASHINGTON INTERVIEW RECEIVED PROMINENT TREATMENT IN EIGHT OUT OF NINE DELHI ENGLISH-LANGUAGE NEWSPAPERS APPEARING ON THURSDAY. THERE WAS EXTENSIVE RADIO AND TELEVISION NEWS COVERAGE ON WEDNESDAY NIGHT. END SUMMARY.

1. BASED ON THE PRESS TRUST OF INDIA/REUTERS VERSIONS, COVERAGE OF AMBASSADOR SAXBE'S INTERVIEW RAN IN TANDUM IN THE LEADING DAILIES. THE COUNTRY'S MAJOR PAPER, TIMES OF INDIA, AND THE INFLUENTIAL ECONOMIC PAPER, ECONOMIC TIMES, ACCORDED IT PAGE ONE TREATMENT; THE LATER CARRIED ONE-COLUMN PICTURE OF THE AMBASSADOR.

2. HEADLINES HIGHLIGHTED DIFFERENT VIEWPOINTS RANGING FROM "SAXBE HOPES FOR BETTER TIES WITH INDIA" (HINDUSTAN TIMES) TO "SAXBE NOT HOPEFUL OF BIG U.S. AID" (NATIONAL HERALD). VARIATIONS IN PARTY-ORIENTED PAPERS INCLUDED "SAXBE DOUBTS U.S. ABILITY TO GIVE AID TO INDIA" (MOTHERLAND) AND "SAXBE DEPLORES U.S. ATTITUDE TO INDIA" (PATRIOT).

3. REPORTAGE ON INDIAN-AMERICAN RELATIONS CITED AMBASSADOR SAXBE SAYING HE WILL WORK FOR "AN IMPROVING RELATIONSHIP" BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES AND "THE PRINCIPAL EFFORT IS GOING

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TO BE FOR PEACE IN THE SUB-CONTINENT -- LASTING PEACE." THE

INDIAN EXPRESS STORY WRITTEN BY ITS WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT ADDED THE AMBASSADOR IS "GOING TO CONCENTRATE ON AREAS OF AGREEMENT AND NOT ON THE AREAS OF DIFFERENCE."

4. NEWSPAPERS NOTED AMBASSADOR SAXBE WAS "CRITICAL" OF THE "FUSS" BEING MADE IN THE U.S. ABOUT THE FOOD ASSISTANCE TO INDIA. THEY QUOTED HIM SAYING: "INDIA IS BUYING 3.5 MILLION TONS OF GRAIN FROM THE U.S.A. ON PAYMENT OF CASH. WE SHOULD TREAT THEM LIKE A GOOD CUSTOMER, REMEMBERING THAT THE AMOUNT OF GRAIN WE GIVE THEM UNDER PL-480 IS INSIGNIFICANT."

5. ON AID TO INDIA, NEWS DESPATCHES SAID AMBASSADOR SAXBE EXPRESSED DOUBT IF THE U.S. WOULD BE IN A POSITION TO OFFER "MUCH ASSISTANCE" IN "THE RAPIDLY WORSENING INTERNATIONAL ENERGY CRISIS."

6. ACCOUNTS ADDED AMBASSADOR SAXBE WELCOMED THE SETTING UP OF SUB-COMMISSIONS BUT "DECLINED" TO COMMENT ON DIEGO GARCIA AND ARMS SUPPLY TO PAKISTAN. ON INDIA'S RECOGNITION OF PLO, HE WAS CITED SAYING THIS MIGHT CREATE SOME DIFFICULTY IN THE AMERICAN MEDIA AND CONGRESS "BUT I DO NOT THINK IT IS OUR BUSINESS. I THINK I CAN SEE INDIA'S STANDPOINT."

7. MOST ACCOUNTS CARRIED AMBASSADOR SAXBE'S TRIBUTE TO PRIME MINISTER GANDHI: "I THINK SHE IS TRULY A REMARKABLE PERSON."

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